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Excerpts from agency sit rep:

"General:

1. Extensive Israeli air attacks continued on the Egyptian front into the afternoon. [redacted]

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[redacted] the heavy ground fighting which began in the central Sinai yesterday was continuing through this afternoon, but little information on the battle is available [redacted]

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[redacted] the Israeli force on the west bank--which consists of at least a tank battalion--is still active near Deversoir as of the early afternoon. Israeli aircraft have been noted flying strike missions near Deversoir today, almost certainly in support of the Israeli force. Heavy Israeli air strikes were also directed against Port Said and Ras Zafaranah on the Suez gulf coast.

2. The Syrian front is reported generally quiet except for some artillery and tank fire near Al Harrah and a relatively low level of Israeli air activity. An Israeli military spokesman today characterized the Syrian front as "more or less stabilized."

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